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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in stark opposition to this bill. Once again, legislators in Connecticut are trying to take the "easy" way out to try to raise funds to quench their unrelenting desire to spend taxpayer money. Connecticut is already home to two casinos. Many others are being proposed throughout the northeast. Casino income is a zero sum game. Precisely where do you think the patrons for such a casino would come from? Most people from Northern CT go to Foxwoods or Mohegan Sun. They would merely stay closer to home. So whatever revenue you gain from that transfer of gambling would be lost at the other two. Would you gain some people from Western Mass? Probably....and it would be those who can least afford to lose money. Most people who gamble do so because they are looking to make a quick buck. Along with that, you will see increased crime, increased traffic and an increased burden on municipalities and our infrastructure. Gimmicks such as this are an attempt to blow smoke to taxpayers. Every time the legislature comes up with an idea like this, which is supposed to be "directed" toward something, it ends up in the general fund as a perpetual slush fund to spend money on projects such as FastTrak, which will be in mothballs likely within a few years.

As a lifelong Connecticut resident, I am opposed to this bill.

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